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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
DECEMBER 29, 1975:

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES INVOLVED IN THE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
THE REPORTED DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ON THE
LOCATION OF THE EARLY-WARNING STATION?

A. JUST BEFORE I CAME IN WE SAW THE TICKER THAT THE DIS-
PUTE HAS BEEN RESOLVED, ACCORDING TO THE UN AUTHORITIES OUT
THERE.

Q. DID YOU PLAY ANY PART?

A. IT WAS A MATTER BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THE UNITED
NATIONS AUTHORITIES THERE. I'M NOT AWARE WE HAD ANY PART
IN IT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION -- I DON'T KNOW, THIS CAME
UP TOWARD THE END OF LAST WEEK -- BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY
INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA AND THE REPORTED ARR-
EST OR DET-ENTION OF HUNDREDS OF COMMUNISTS AND THE
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ALLEGED FLIGHT OF LOCAL LEADERS?

A. I DON'T. I THINK THE SYRIANS THEMSELVES DENIED THAT,
DID THEY NOT?

Q. YES, BUT THE EGYPTIANS ARE PLAYING IT, SO I WONDER IF
OUR GOVERNMENT KNOWS ANYTHING.

A. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANYTHING ON IT, I DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING ON IT.

Q. HAS SYRIA MADE ANY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL AID, FOOD
AID, BEYOND --

A. NOT THAT WE -- I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY.

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